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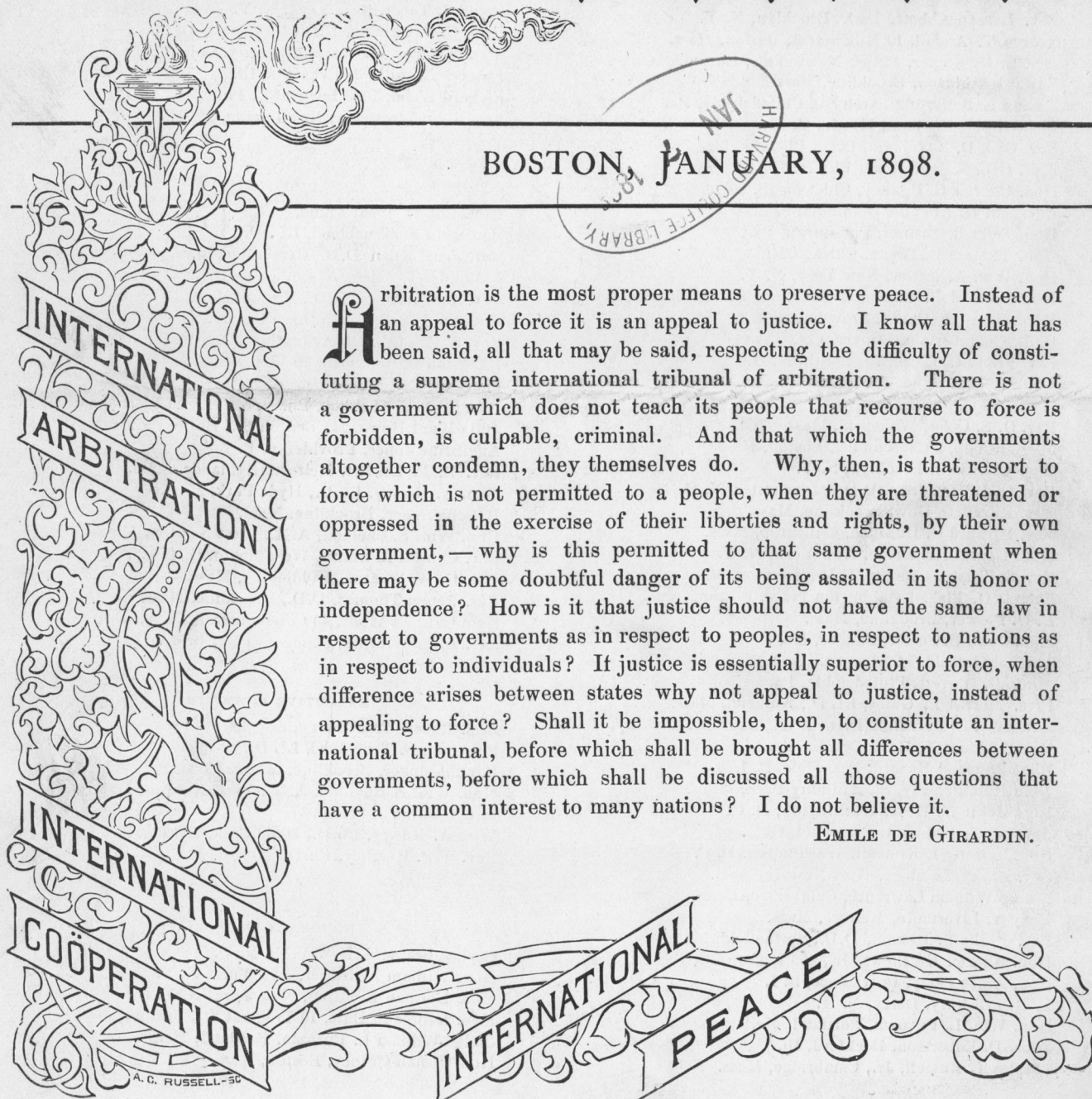
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## The Outlook.

It is impossible, to balance up the items for peace and for war and to say exactly how the account stands at the opening of the New Year. The influences working both ways are too numerous, too complex, too intermingled to be dealt with in any mathematical way. There is no doubt that the cause of peace and goodwill, both in men's thoughts and feelings and in the institutions of society, or rather in the changes taking place in these institutions, is stronger now than at any former time. Only those who disbelieve in the growing prevalence of truth and goodness will deny this. But in what does the gain consist?

There has certainly been much, during the year just closed, which was dark and unpromising. The miserable struggle in Cuba has continued, with no signs of decrease in its hatreds and its cold-blooded inhumanities, until recently, if there are any such

signs even now. The war between Greece and Turkey has been fought. Though short, it caused the loss of thousands of lives, the wreck of many homes and the intensifying of an old racial feud. Greece was crushed and had to kiss the dust. Turkey, which has long been the synonym of unspeakable iniquity, came out of the war with "glory", raised almost to the rank of a great power, and actually taken into the secret councils of at least one Christian nation! There have been, as usual, civil war and attempted revolutions in the Spanish-American countries. Great Britain has had on her hands an ugly war, not yet ended, with the frontier tribes in North-western India, brought on by her own former unjust and unwise aggressions in those regions. The "spheres of influence" in Africa have been the occasion of friction, which happily has not at any time become really threatening. The British forces have been fighting their way up the Nile, killing off natives, and reestablishing lost British supremacy in those regions, — a supremacy originally acquired by methods unknown either to the sermon on the mount or to the decalogue.

The strained condition of European affairs has continued much the same. France has determined to increase both her army and her navy. The German Emperor, defeated in one attempt greatly to enlarge the German navy, has been forcing the subject again with all his ingenuity and imperial influence. The British navy has gone on growing, and a determined effort has for some time been made to increase the British army and to introduce conscription in the United Kingdom. The Triple Alliance continues. Over against it, the alliance between France and Russia, long supposed to exist, has been officially announced to the world, its power for mischief possibly being increased by the secrecy which covers its specific provisions. Russia has been alert and aggressive. Her enormous military